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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: **Process for the Production of L-Amino Acids Using  
Strains of the Enterobacteriaceae Family**

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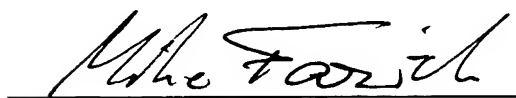
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